Old Cherly Graveyard at Durlach

Note the inscription on the grave stone at the head of those of the family of Joseph Washington. It says, "This is a well respected Ethiopian family, a farmer by occupation."

For a few decades after the Civil War, the word "Ethiopian" was commonly used for blacks. Is there any record of who the Washingtons were? Did they come north on the Underground Railroad? Why did they locate in the Durlach area? There should be a story in this.